

# Jewish leaders in London firm against paying Soviet ransom

By DAVID LENNON  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Over 50 leaders of Jewish communities here yesterday denounced the Soviet imposition of an education levy on Jews seeking to leave Russia, and determined not to give in to this blackmail.

An official statement issued by the delegates declared that: "The leadership of Jewish communities throughout the world unequivocally condemn the newly imposed ransom. We reject any acceptance of his evil action and pledge ourselves to support Soviet Jews in their attempt to emigrate freely."

"We take note of the approach of a new era of political, cultural and economic relationships between the free world and the Soviet Union. The continuance of the ransom edicts inevitably raises serious doubts as to the moral integrity of the U.S.S.R."

"We shall resist, oppose and combat this decree with all the resources at our command, with the anger and indignation of a people not willing to stand by while our brethren are afflicted by cruel and tyrannical acts of persecution."

Mr. Pincus noted that the conference was unanimous that the basis of all their actions was that they were not going to surrender to blackmail. None of the delegates suggested even for one moment that payment should be made, he stressed.

In the afternoon the delegates held discussions on proposals for action. It was decided that this should be split up according to sectors: the academic world, governments, public protests, pressure through the media, and involving all the world's religions.

It was decided that each of the delegates will present their country's ambassador in London with a copy of the resolutions, and that when they return home, they will present copies to their country's delegate to the U.N.

Moreover, it is planned to try to persuade all the countries of the free world to raise the issue of the educational levy at the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly.

It was further decided to ask all scientists who have won Nobel prizes to put their names to a petition deploring this action.

The meeting which started early in the day and went on until the early late evening, first listened to young Jew who had left Russia only two days previously. He explained that friends had helped to raise the funds to pay the tax for his wife, who had an academic degree.

The delegates then heard recordings of phone conversations between Reville Janer in England and a number of Soviet Jewish scientists. All of the scientists were adamant in their insistence that the tax of be paid.

Jewish Agency chairman Arye Incus explained at a press conference later that the purpose of the meeting was to counsel one another in the ways to arouse the Jewish and non-Jewish world to try to persuade the Soviet Union not to impose the impost. He stressed that it is intention to bring home to the Russians that this action is not compatible with peaceful relations.



Foreign Minister Abba Eban addresses schoolchildren assembled at the Western Wall yesterday in protest at the Soviet ransom tax. (Gutcher)

## Eban: We will not rest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"We will not rest nor be silent until we have averted the evil of the ransom decree, and until all the Jews of the Soviet Union are free to join us in the work of freedom and the work of peace," Foreign Minister Abba Eban told some 3,000 schoolchildren assembled at the Western Wall yesterday noon in a protest against the Soviet ransom laws.

The protest — timed to coincide with the opening in London of the international conference of Jewish leaders convened to discuss the ransom — was organized by the Israel Zionist Council, a body which promotes Zionist activity among youth movements, schools and students organizations.

Mr. Eban hit out at Dr. Nahum Goldmann — without mentioning him by name — by rejecting "couplets of despair" that had been voiced recently. (Dr. Goldmann suggested on Saturday that Israel consider paying the ransoms.) Mr. Eban recalled the "black visionaries" who said that no change in Soviet emigration policy was possible — only to be proved wrong by the tens of thousands of Soviet Jews who had since been allowed to leave for Israel.

In a letter sent yesterday to Soviet Premier Kosygin, Dr. Albert Sablin, president of the Weltmann Institute, appealed to the Soviet leader to "intervene personally to eliminate an injustice that is incompatible with the important position of your country in the world."

Dr. Sablin reminded the Soviet Premier that he had begun developing the oral polio vaccine in collaboration with Soviet scientists in 1946, when the U.S.S.R. was having more than 18,000 cases of the disease per year. He wrote: "Since 1960 thousands of millions of doses of vaccine, manufactured in the U.S.S.R. from the special viruses that I provided free of charge, have been used not only by the people of the U.S.S.R. but have also been sold for as much as 10 kopeks per dose to many other countries."

In other action:

- Prime Minister Golda Meir will address a special session of the Histadrut Council in Tel Aviv tomorrow, called to discuss the oppressive Soviet measures.
- Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon has sent a cable to the leader of the French Socialist Party, Mr. Francois Mitterrand, congratulating him on his stand on the issue. "One shameful act of the Soviets will not detract from the great moral and political progress your party has been making," Mr. Ben-Aharon declared.
- Mr. Otto Kersten, Secretary-General of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, has issued a letter to all member organizations calling on them to act against the ransom decree. The American AFL-CIO and the European Organization of Christian Workers have already passed protest resolutions, it was learned yesterday.

# Spitz wins 7th gold, sets Olympic record

MUNICH. — Mark Spitz, winning an incredible seventh gold medal, helped the United States to a world record 3:43.16 victory last night in the 400-metre medley relay at the Olympic Games.

The 22-year-old swimming marvel, who has been the outstanding personality of this Olympics and perhaps of Olympic history, swam the butterfly leg of the relay race. Starting with only a slight edge, he stretched the American lead to more than six feet.

East Germany took the silver medals, in the 100 and 200 free style, and the 100 and 200 butterfly. Spitz won four individual gold medals, in the 100 and 200 free style, and the 100 and 200 butterfly. He swam with the American team in the 400 and 800 freestyle and 400 medley relays.

Never before had any athlete won four Olympic gold medals in any sport. No Olympian in any sport had ever won more than five medals in one game. Spitz has already won two gold medals in relay races in Mexico City in 1968.

Spitz now intends to retire to devote himself to his career in dentistry, American sources said.

The swimming competition ended with four more world records in the last four races. In all, the swimmers set Olympic records in all 29 races, and in 28 of the 29 final world records were established.

Yesterday's world record effort in the relay erased the mark of 3:50.4 set September 5, 1971, at Leipzig, Germany, by a U.S. group that included Spitz.

The American men won 10 gold medals in 15 events, with East Germany and Sweden taking two apiece and Japan one.

In divers, the U.S. got eight, while Australia won two. West Germany, East Germany, Great Britain, Canada and Russia captured one each.

It was the same story in bronze medals, with the Americans grabbing eight, while Russia got two. West Germany, East Germany, Hungary, Japan and Canada took one each.

In other swimming events yesterday:

America's defending Olympic champion Mike Burton swam a world record 15:52.53 to win in the most grueling swimming event of the Games, the men's 1,500-metre freestyle.

Graham Windust of Australia took the silver in 15:58.44 and American's Doug Northway got the bronze with 16:09.25.

Burton led the early stages of the race, but gave way to Windust before rallying in the final 300 metres to win, going away before a cheering throng.

Karen Moe of the U.S. broke her own world record in leading a 1-2-3 American sweep of the women's 200-metre butterfly swim.

Maria Moe, third after 100-metres, finished strong to register a time of 2:15.6 seconds and clip one full second off her former world standard which she set at Chicago last month. Lynn Colella was second in 2:16.3 and Ely Daniel took the bronze in 2:16.7.

It was the fifth consecutive victory in swimming for the American women.

Melissa Belote of the U.S. won her second Olympic gold medal with her second world record in the women's 200-metre backstroke. (A.P., UPI)



Mark Spitz acknowledges the cheers of the crowd in Munich.

## U.S. gold winner disqualified in 'dope' test

MUNICH (UPI). — Rick Demont of the United States was declared out of the 1,500-metre freestyle swimming final on a doping charge last night.

U.S. Olympic Committee officials confirmed Demont, who won the 400-metre freestyle gold medal in the Olympic record time of 4:00.28 last Friday, was disqualified minutes before the start of the 1,500-metre race yesterday.

The first anyone knew of the incident was when officials announced lane assignments for the 1,500 and Demont's name was not called. Clifford H. Buck, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, then revealed that the International Olympic Committee had set Demont down for not passing a dope test.

It was not known immediately when Demont took the test or whether it would retroactively affect his gold medal victory in the 400-metre freestyle swim.

A U.S. trainer said Demont had taken a medicine containing ephedrine for his asthma, and had reported that fact to Olympic officials.

Demont watched the 1,500 at one end of the pool in the company of his mother, who said he had been taking the medicine "almost all his life."

The international cycling union yesterday withdrew the Olympic bronze medal awarded to Holland in the 100-kilometres team trial after a dope test on one of the Dutch riders was found to be positive.

# Following Soviet pull-out Egypt's air defences 50% less effective

By E. C. TRALER  
LONDON (UPI). — Russia's military pull-out from Egypt has seriously reduced Cairo's air defence potential, by perhaps as much as a half, defence sources said yesterday.

An assessment suggested that Egypt's air defences may have lost a sizeable part of the effectiveness established by the influx of Soviet material and know-how after the crisis resulting from the Israeli bombing campaign of 1968-70.

The Soviet pull-out was said to have not only substantially reduced the physical presence of some of the most powerful and modern military equipment, but to have also considerably affected the vital know-how as a result of the withdrawal of Soviet experts.

Sources stressed this new situation does not suggest the Egyptian air space is now open to any possible new Israeli air offensive.

Egypt's air defence system is still better than it was when the late President Nasser called in the Soviet Union to take over the nation's air defence.

But, they said, Egypt's air defence potential is now considerably less effective, possibly only one-third or one-half of what it was when the Russians controlled it.

The Russians brought in their Sam-3 ground-to-air missiles which were held to be more effective than the Sam-2s.

But above all, the Russians controlled and operated the Sam-3s which were credited with having brought down some of the attacking Israeli American-made Phantom jets.

The Russians were training the Egyptians in the use of the Sam-3s and the complicated radar equipment that goes with them. More recently, the Egyptians were said to have been manning 65 Sam-3 sites, but the Russians apparently remained in overall control. There are also some 70 Sam-2 sites.

The sites are now run wholly by Egyptians.

The more recent Sam-4, -5 and -6 types were apparently all run by the Russians. These have been withdrawn.

The most advanced Mig-23s were operated by the Soviets, as were Tu-16 fighter-bombers. These have now been flown out of Egypt.

While they were strictly part of the Russian base system, their presence was considered by the Egyptians as playing an important part as a deterrent against Israeli air incursions. The Mig-23s were also used for reconnaissance operations by the Soviets.

How far the Egyptians have mastered and will be able to cope with the complicated air defence systems left behind is a matter for speculation.

But defence sources expressed doubt about the effectiveness, especially since the Russians were believed to have taken with them a great deal of vital equipment and know-how that has, so far, not been replaced.

The question of adequate supply of spare parts also remains unanswered.

# Fifth attack from Syria Tank hits mine in Golan — no casualties

By HERSH GOODMAN  
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

An Israeli tank hit an anti-vehicle mine in the Bukata region of the Golan Heights yesterday morning. There were no Israeli casualties.

A search of the area later revealed large quantities of sabotage equipment, brought over into Israel-held territory by terrorists from Syria.

This was the fifth attack from Syrian territory in a week. On Sunday, an Israeli patrol was attacked in the Majdal Shams area, while on three other occasions Nahal Golan and Ramat Hamagshimim were shelled by mortars.

Security forces who arrived on the scene of the explosion shortly after the incident yesterday, ascertained that the mine was planted by terrorists who had infiltrated into Israel territory in small groups.

In a departure from the usual practice the Army Spokesman yesterday specified that an Israeli tank had been hit, and not just an Israeli vehicle. Observers see this as a clear warning to Syria of the seriousness with which Israel views the incident.

There are several explanations for the recent spate of activity into Israel from Syria. It is known that all terrorist excursions from Syrian territory have to be officially sanctioned by the government there. The attacks come at a time when the executive committee of the various Palestinian terror movements is in conference in Damascus, preparing the way for the Palestinian National Conference due to be held in Cairo next month, and the groups are jockeying for leadership.

There are an estimated 3,000 terrorists on Syrian soil — 1,800 of them members of the Syrian-sponsored e-Sa'eka organization. The main financial supporter of the terrorist organizations is Libya — Syria's partner together with Egypt in the Tripartite Federation — which has been pressing Syria to open up its borders for action against Israel.

Since the Jordanian battles with the terrorists in August 1970, and the Israeli pacification of southern Lebanon in June of this year, the terror movements have been finding it hard to justify their existence, and the financial aid Libya, Iraq and other Arab states have been giving them. The possibility of terrorist pressure on certain pro-Palestinian ministers in the Syrian Government cannot be discounted.

Radio reports that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was responsible for yesterday's action are discounted by Arab affairs experts here, who note that the P.F.L.P. is considered persons non grata in Syria, and thus it is unlikely that the Syrian Government would risk confrontation with Israel on their behalf. The P.F.L.P. has so far concentrated all its efforts in Lebanon, and at striking at Israeli civilian air traffic and interests abroad.

Observers believe that yesterday's action was the work of e-Sa'eka, awakening after a period of inaction, in an attempt at maintaining a leading role within the terrorist movement.

## Comptroller blasts Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State Comptroller yesterday issued a scathing critical report on the Tel Aviv Municipality for the years 1967-1972, exposing a situation of "near-lawlessness" in municipal services and inefficiency in internal administration. (See full stories — page 1)

The shortcomings listed in the report included:

- Failure of the city to effectively prevent or stop illegal construction.
- An "enormous" backlog of applications for building permits.
- 5,000 businesses allowed to operate without licences, including 1,000 food establishments.
- Inaction in curbing illegal peddling.
- Poor condition of the roads, inadequate public safety and fire prevention supervision.
- Inefficient collection of city taxes.
- Inflated city payrolls — and mileage metres on municipal vehicles that show a lower mileage in the evening than they do in the morning.

The Comptroller, however, pointed to improvements in the overall sanitation services.

# Assassination attempt on Gaza Mayor fails

By ANAN SAFADI  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Three men armed with pistols and a handgrenade attempted to assassinate Gaza Mayor Haj Rashad Shawa yesterday afternoon as he was getting out of his car in front of his home. Mr. Shawa, 60, escaped unhurt after struggling briefly with one of the assassins.

Security forces immediately launched a wide-scale search in the area.

Mr. Shawa, who was alone in his car, said the assassins fired seven bullets and tossed a British Mills handgrenade at him. Only one bullet hit the front windscreen of his car and the grenade failed to explode. According to the Mayor, the men came at him from behind a nearby wall, two on the right side of the car and the third on the left. When a bullet hit the car, the first two turned back and Mr. Shawa struggled with the third, who also fled.

The assassins had not been identified by last night. The Cairo-based terrorist radio claimed last night that the attackers were members of "the Palestine revolution," as the terrorist movement calls itself. The broadcast referred to Mr. Shawa as "the mayor who was appointed by the Zionist occupation forces." In a subsequent statement issued in Beirut, the terrorists said they had condemned Shawa to death and labelled him a "traitor."

News of the assassination attempt on the Gaza Mayor was repeated by the official Cairo radio networks with obvious enthusiasm.

The Egyptian radio has been attacking Mr. Shawa for about a month over his two meetings with Jordan's King Hussein in Amman, reportedly to consolidate links between the Gaza Strip and Jordan. At the height of its violent criticism of the mayor, Cairo Radio accused Mr. Shawa of attempting to alienate



Rashad Shawa (Arav)

took over the mayoralty in Gaza last September. He became the city's, if not the Strip's, number one citizen, after some 8,000 Gazans petitioned the Military Government in his favour after the authorities dissolved the previous municipal council. Two months later Mr. Shawa was involved with the security authorities when Ziad Hussein, a wanted leader of a sabotage ring in the Strip, committed suicide in the mayor's cellar. Mr. Shawa was cleared of any complicity after the personal intervention of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. He then concentrated on promoting his city's civil services and commercial ties with the outside Arab world through Jordan, and sought Jordanian passports for Gazan residents who have been stateless since 1948.

His recent contacts with King Hussein sparked off wide-scale speculations while the controversial mayor himself insisted all he was doing was to end the Strip's long isolation. At the same time he was slowly rallying the masses behind him against extremism.

Reuter news agency reported that

the state-run Jordanian television last night described the would-be assassins as murderers and criminals.

Mr. Shawa, the station said, had recently become a target not only for Israeli propaganda but also for "agents' machinery." Nothing in the attempt was new and it will not be surprising if it happens again, the television station added.

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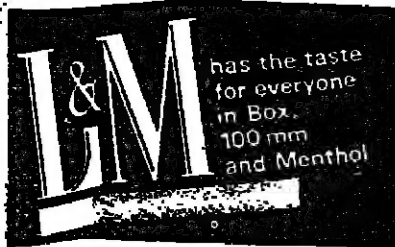
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# Egyptian intentions at Knesset vote Gaza towns to include Ben-Aharon U.N. still undisclosed on Shapiro five refugee camps backs Eliav on peace

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Israel has as yet discerned no signs of Egypt's intentions at the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly; this emerged from a top-level meeting of senior Foreign Ministry officials with U.N. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah in Jerusalem yesterday.

Israel's own preparations for the Assembly are, as a consequence, "more hypothetical than practical," according to a senior Foreign Ministry source.  
Israel is fully aware of the built-in majority against it at the U.N. and expects the usual "unpleasant" resolution on the Middle East. However, senior officials point out that there are limits to the power of the Arab and Soviet majority in the General Assembly.  
If these limits are crossed, the nations of Western Europe and Latin America vote against the Arab drafts, instead of merely abstaining. These limits, as they have taken shape since 1968, are:

- No change in the carefully balanced (and intentionally ambiguous) terms of Security Council Resolution 242 (the Arabs usually submit a draft entailing such a change) and then themselves remove the offensive paragraph in return for promises of support on other points;
- No expulsion of Israel from any U.N. body (the Arabs tried this at the World Health Organization this year, but retreated when they saw that it would not receive majority support);
- No demand for immediate Israeli withdrawal without peace and without negotiations (the Arabs tried this in 1967 and Western and neutral Europe voted against).

**E.E.C. PEACE EFFORTS**  
Meanwhile, senior officials in Jerusalem continue to play down reports of a new Middle East initiative building up among the nations of the European Economic Community. The Israeli officials say that, apart from the press reports, there is no hard evidence whatever of such an initiative.  
(The press reports spoke of French efforts aimed at setting up a Middle East peace conference with the big powers and European nations taking part, along with the parties concerned. The idea was first mooted by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, though he himself has not tried to press it. There have also been reports of a new French "paper" which Paris wants the other Common Market countries to subscribe to.)

There has been considerable Egyptian diplomatic activity in Europe recently, but Israel's belief is that President Sadat has really set his sight on a possible shift in the U.S. stand after the presidential elections. Efforts he is making in Europe at the moment are merely to "pass the time."  
This applies both to diplomatic efforts, and to Egyptian quests for arms in Britain and other European countries. Jerusalem feels that Sadat cannot seriously hope to find in Europe a substitute for the Soviets as his main arms supplier.

**Condition of Syrian Jews grows worse**  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
HAIFA — The condition of the 4,500 Jews still living in Syria has considerably worsened during the past several weeks.  
Travelers who recently visited Syria and met inhabitants of the Damascus ghetto reported that Jews' movements have been severely restricted. Any Jew wishing to go outside the city limits must obtain special permission, and all documents are prominently stamped "Jew," the study of Hebrew has been forbidden and even prayer services may be held only under supervision.  
The travelers reported that the international agitation on behalf of the Syrian Jews some months ago definitely influenced the Government, which now occasionally sends foreign journalists to the ghetto to interview the Jews. However, the latter are warned not to give a true description of the situation, but merely to declare that they are loyal citizens and consider Syria their homeland.  
Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu, at a solidarity meeting held here last night, said Damascus Jews were being persecuted "only a few dozen kilometers from our border, for no reason or advantage to the Syrians but only in appeal to the basest instincts of their citizens."  
Mr. Menahem Yehudi, M.K., called on the Government to instruct our U.N. delegate to raise the persecution of Syrian Jewry at the forthcoming General Assembly.  
The meeting was the first in a series on behalf of Syrian Jewry. Another is to be held in Tel Aviv on September 12, and one at the Western Wall on September 24.

**Rishon makes Shazar Freeman**  
RISHON LEZION — President Zalman Shazar was yesterday given the freedom of the city at a festival ceremony held at the wine cellars here as part of the town's 90th anniversary celebrations. He was given a scroll by all the members of the Municipal Council.  
On receiving the scroll the President said the generation of the First to Zion has not ended. We still see them coming to Zion, even from Russia.  
The President was greeted by schoolchildren with the traditional bread and salt at the entrance of the Ramat Eliahu quarter. From there, the President rode through the town's main streets, lined with flag-waving schoolchildren.

**Most see no alternative to present government**  
TEL AVIV — More than half the population does not think there is any alternative to the present government. This emerged from the latest Dahaf public opinion poll.  
A sample of 1,304 people were asked if "an alternative to the present government exists."  
Some 51.7 per cent said there was no alternative, 11.5 per cent said "perhaps there is," and only 20 per cent considered there was an alternative. The "don't know" totalled 16.3 per cent.

**Yadlin wants Koppel to succeed him at F.A.**  
TEL AVIV — Mr. Aharon Yadlin announced yesterday that he will recommend ex-inspector-general of Police Pinhas Koppel as his successor as President of the Israel Football Association.  
After becoming Labour Party Secretary-General, Mr. Yadlin decided to resign the Football Association post. He went on to relate that Mr. Koppel had consented to stand for election at the forthcoming general meeting of the Football Association.

**Our beloved aunt LYDIA MARGOLIN has passed away**  
The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1972 at 3 p.m. at the Old Hof Hacarmel Cemetery, Haifa.  
Dan and Giora Heth and their families  
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**Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev on a visit to Tel Aviv's Supercol store yesterday. The Minister, above, inspects holiday-eve meat prices ranging from IL16.48 to IL21.48, depending on the cut.**

**Tnuva fined IL4,200 for impurities**  
TEL AVIV — The Tnuva dairy plant here was fined IL4,200 by the Magistrate's Court yesterday on six counts of foreign bodies in its milk products.  
The charge was based on complaints lodged by customers during 1971.  
Tnuva's attorney, Mr. Zvi Bar-Shira, admitted to the charges, adding while the company was doing everything it could to prevent such occurrences, there was no "fool-proof formula." Judge Boris Rappoport replied that he appreciated Tnuva's efforts in trying to maintain hygienic standards, but that the public had a right to expect even better results. (Him)

**Jealous boy burns brother with acid**  
NAZARETH — A 17-year-old boy from Kiryat Shmona was charged in District Court here with pouring acid on his 14-year-old brother.  
The charges state the youth, whose name was withheld because he is a minor, committed the act out of jealousy. The younger brother suffered hydrochloric acid burns on his arm. The incident occurred six weeks ago. (Him)

## Bankrupt manufacturer comes back

TEL AVIV — David Dunsky, a prominent Israeli industrialist and former South African Zionist leader who declared bankruptcy three years ago told the District Court here yesterday, he was going to file application to have the bankruptcy order rescinded.  
Mr. Dunsky said he was making a come-back, thanks to business friends in South Africa who were trying to raise funds to help him meet part of his obligations. The court gave Mr. Dunsky 30 days in which to repay his preferred creditors, who include the Japhet Bank and former employees of Telva Fashions, a \$150,000 a year export industry founded by Dunsky.  
Mr. Dunsky's debts total some IL1.5m.  
A former vice-chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, Mr. Dunsky came to Israel in 1948 and was for years chairman of the Israel office of the South African Federation. He headed a South African group which eventually entered 20 different industries. (Him)

**Petitioners 'littered' sidewalk**  
TEL AVIV — The action of two city inspectors and a policeman who allegedly dispersed a group of persons collecting signatures for a petition protesting the return of Mr. Ya'acov Shimon Shapir to the Government — was perfectly legal, the Tel Aviv police spokesman said yesterday.  
The spokesman, Rav-Pakad Amos Aricha, said an investigation had been ordered in the wake of complaints following the incident last Thursday evening. It found that the detail had been engaged in preventing pedlars and their wares from obstructing city streets.  
At Rehov Dizengoff, they had ordered the petition collectors to remove piles of old placards, chairs and a table from the sidewalk. The inspectors were acting against a public nuisance and not interfering with the right of citizens to petition their government, the spokesman said.

**'At's' readers pick Dayan as most popular man**  
TEL AVIV — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has been chosen "the most popular man of the year" by the readers of "At," the women's illustrated monthly. Mr. Dayan is on the cover of "At's" Rosh Hashana issue, now on sale.  
"At" asked readers to list the five most popular men in Israel. More than 2,627 readers responded, and the magazine graded their choices according to a point system.  
Mr. Dayan emerged with 14,666 points — more than the combined points earned by the three next choices. Second in popularity was Chief of Staff David Elazar with 5,899 points, followed by actor-Singer Yehoram Gaon with 4,159 points. David Ben-Gurion was 12th, while Deputy Premier Yigal Allon was 14th and Foreign Minister Abba Eban 15th.

**Kahane may visit Hebron — to pray — authorities say**  
Jewish Defence League head Meir Kahane may visit Hebron and Kiryat Arba on a "one-time basis," the spokesman of the Judea and Samaria Military Government said yesterday — on condition the visit is for purposes of prayer.  
The spokesman, Rav-Seren Rafi Horowitz, was explaining the order issued last Friday by the Military Governor banning Rabbi Kahane and his followers from visiting Hebron. The order was aimed at preventing the J.D.L. activists from carrying out their intention of publicly "confronting" the Mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'afari, in connection with his alleged role in the 1929 Hebron riots.  
Rabbi Kahane earlier this week had threatened to apply for an order nisi against the Military Governor who, he claimed, denied him his right "as a Jew to visit the City of the Patriarchs."  
The spokesman said all Rabbi Kahane had to do if he wished to go to Hebron to pray, was to apply for a permit from the Military Governor.  
Meanwhile, 11 yeshiva students from Kiryat Arba will be tried by a military court for entering the "Ma'arat Hamaspeha" (Tomb of the

**Convict escapes from courtroom**  
TAIYIBA — An Arab from Tira village, currently serving a 20-year-sentence for subversive activity, escaped from his police escort yesterday morning after he was brought to a Moslem religious court in connection with a divorce action filed by his wife.  
The prisoner, Gamal Sultan, 24, escaped during an uproar that erupted when another litigant couple in the courtroom exchanged blows.  
Police set up road blocks and combed the area, but the escaped prisoner was still at large late last night. (Him)

**Black Hebrew held for overstaying**  
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For these activities and work in Israel, el-Sayiah received IL600.  
Defence counsel, Mr. Abu Daka, claimed el-Sayiah acted under mitigating circumstances, that he did not commit his offences for ideological reasons but for the money alone.  
The prosecutor, Segen Yaron Rabinowitz stated that committing such acts for money alone was worse than doing so for ideological reasons.  
The President of the Court, Seran Yoram Galim, agreed with the prosecutor. He sentenced el-Sayiah to 12 years.

**Capture of escaped terrorist reported**  
BEERSHEBA — A Gaza Strip terrorist serving a 20-year sentence, who escaped from prison here on August 11, was apprehended by security forces in Gaza's public park yesterday. The student, one of whom was allegedly armed with a pistol, were evicted by the Hebron police. On Friday, the Moslem day of prayer, entry is permitted only to Moslems. (Him)

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In answer to a question on Zim's rise of the citrus trade, Mr. Kashti said a press conference that Zim's rise had been gradually reduced to 25 per cent. It was a continuing process that "is hard to reverse," he said.

The Citrus Marketing Board has meanwhile established its own shipping department, which chartered 100 ships to carry the fruit, including four of Zim's own Matruh class ships. They will serve the Board on a time charter basis for the forthcoming season.

He did not give the Board the rise they needed," he frankly admitted. He added that a joint committee was now studying the matter with a view to restoring the balance, he said.

In answer to other questions he said that the labour contract recently signed with Zim's 1,000 shore staff had given the employees a rise of 20 per cent including the Cost-of-Living allowance for 1972 and another eight per cent for 1973. The contract, which is unanimously approved by the workers' representative, he said, will rise would cost Zim IL4m. a year, he said. Judging from the seven months of this year, Zim's rise for 1972 would be similar to that of 1971, a little over IL20m. more taxes, on a turnover of about 100m.

Mr. Kashti announced that the agreement was now considering bringing three to five small container ships. They would carry up to 250 containers of 20 cubic meters each on Mediterranean and other European routes, replacing old Matruh class freighters.

"If we go ahead with this plan, half see to it that we order the ships at the Israeli Shipyards in Haifa, which can build freighters of this size," he said. He stressed

## Plans \$10m. frozen food plant in Afula

Zim expects final approval for a large \$10m. frozen food plant to be built in Afula in partnership with a U.S. firm, the Zim General Manager, Mr. Moashe Kashti, told *The Post* yesterday.

He said the plant would use a modern method of liquid nitrogen freezing. It would take three years to complete.

It would prepare pre-cooked meals for all Zim ships and would eventually export \$20m. worth of fresh farm produce, such as strawberries, a year. All exports would be carried in Zim ships.

The U.S. partner, "a large firm with a \$500m. annual turnover," would take a one-third share, he said.

that he was strongly in favour of building locally, whenever possible.

During the next Hebrew year, Zim will receive a number of new vessels now under construction in Europe. These will include a 230,000 ton supertanker from Holland; three large container ships from Germany and Italy, which will sail the U.S.-Japan route, to be extended to Haifa early next year; two roll-on, roll-off freighters from Rumania; and four 18,000 ton Clyde class freighters from Britain.

He said the new Zim container service between Japan and New York was "doing very well, a little better than expected." All container lines put into operation by the company had proved themselves both from the operational and financial points of view, he said.

As containerization becomes more general, he thought it essential that plans for an adequate road network to serve Haifa port must be urgently carried out. "When the present reclamation work in the eastern part of the port is completed and the container terminal is built there, a grave bottleneck will develop if the Municipality does not build enough roads in time in that part of the city," he warned.

The City Engineer, Yosef Cohen, told *The Post* that the plans were well in hand "and the roads will be ready in time."

# Eilat strike over rise in cost of living

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

EILAT. — Hundreds of Eilat put down their tools from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. yesterday in a strike against the rising cost of living.

The strike was organized by the works committees of the town's major industries, and was prompted primarily by the fare increase instituted by Arkia Airlines recently on its Tel Aviv-Eilat route. The fare was increased from IL95 to IL142 (one way) for Eilat residents, from IL45 to IL57 for tickets purchased at reduced prices five times a year by employers for their employees. Regular flight tickets rose from IL56 to IL70.

Eilat residents have expressed the feeling that the fare increase will cut them off from the rest of the country, and will hurt the tourist business — one of the city's main income sources. The works committees plan to hold a general strike Thursday if yesterday's protest brings no results.

## Ben-Aharon takes swipe at Sanbar

**TEL AVIV.** — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon took a verbal swing yesterday at Mr. Moashe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel. Mr. Ben-Aharon charged that Mr. Sanbar did not know what he was talking about when he claimed that wage increases were responsible for inflation.

Speaking to a luncheon meeting of the newly-created Israel-America Chamber of Commerce and Industry Club, Mr. Ben-Aharon said: "Ever since I came to this country, I was told ruin would come if workers were paid decently."

Referring specifically to the protocol he signed with the Manufacturers' Association, the Secretary-General said it was not a national wage agreement. The protocol mentioned a three per cent wage rise on the basis of an assumed national net output of three per cent, but the real increase in output was five per cent, he said. Consequently, he said, the Histadrut reserved the right to change its position if major changes occurred in prices, taxes or other basic economic factors.



The new municipal central library was dedicated yesterday in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture Yigal Alon and Mr. Arnold Grant, who donated the money for the new building. Left to right: Carl J. and Daniel P. Mayer, for whom the library was named, their mother, Mrs. Nancy Mayer (née Grant), Mrs. Kolkik, Mr. Grant, Mayor Teddy Kolkik, and Minister Alon.

# New lending library opens in Jerusalem

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Jerusalem's new central library was dedicated yesterday.

The 120,000-book facility, housed in a new seven-story wing of Beit Ha'am, was built largely with a \$700,000 gift to the Jerusalem Foundation by New York attorney Arnold Grant. It is called the Carl and Daniel Mayer Library after Mr. Grant's two grandsons.

Most of the facilities will be segregated according to age. A children's library is located on the ground floor, a cafeteria on the first floor and a lending library for adults and youth on the second floor. The third and fourth floors contain reading rooms for youths of various ages.

The fifth floor has a reading room for adults, including a newspaper section, and on the sixth will be a gallery for the lending of art reproductions.

The building's elevators are not yet installed.

Present at yesterday's ceremony was Education Minister Yigal Alon, who said he hopes to see the passage of a new law that will oblige all local authorities to establish public libraries.

Mayor Teddy Kolkik said that the Jerusalem library system is the most advanced in the country. "To build a city," he said, "is not only to add more houses but also points of central interest of which libraries are one of the most important."

Mr. Nahum Bernstein, head of the Jerusalem Foundation in the U.S., said the organization has raised IL24m. for projects in the city, of which 30 have been completed and 70 are in progress.

# Ecumenical library endowed by Jewish family

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

A theological library donated by a Jewish family from Chicago was yesterday dedicated at the Catholic-founded Ecumenical Institute on the Bethlehem Road.

The \$100,000 library was donated in the memory of Robert Crown, a businessman and a U.S. Navy Reserve captain who was killed in an auto accident three years ago.

"We felt this was one way of creating some of the understanding that's required in this part of the world," said Lester Crown, brother of the deceased. Also on hand for the ceremony was Robert's widow and two of his children. The Crowns are friends of Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University in Indiana, who played a key role in establishing the Institute.

The Crown family has extensive business interests and at one time owned the Empire State Building in New York.

The Institute, which is to open later this month, is aimed primarily at reconciling the divergent Christian churches. Its officials also hope to establish a dialogue with Jewish and Moslem religious thinkers.

Father Charles Sheedy, acting vice-rector of the Institute, said that the library presently contains 20,000 volumes. The number will increase in time to 100,000. "We hope to build this into the greatest theological library in the city in a few years," he said.

## Retired experts help pensioners

A team of volunteer advisers — including retired social workers, engineers and civil servants — is taking part in an experimental programme of the National Insurance Institute to help retirees overcome the problem of enforced meanness and slender means.

The programme, called "Pensioners' Pensioners," is being tried out first only in Jerusalem and Ramat Gan.

The experts, all of them pensioners themselves, will provide the following services: finding suitable jobs for retirees who need additional income; referring retirees to special vocational training courses; helping those who do not get extra income to find suitable interior work; and general counselling on health, legal and personal problems.

# Mexican scientific team here for talks on growth

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Mexico and Israel, both facing similar challenges in the sphere of national development, particularly in the reclamation of desert wastelands — have a lot to offer each other in the mutual exchange of know-how and experience.

This was stated here yesterday by Dr. Francisco Garcia Sancho, head of an eight-man Mexican scientific delegation, here for a 10-day visit as guests of the National Council for Research and Development. Dr. Garcia heads his country's National Council for Science and Technology.

The delegation constitutes the Mexican half of the joint committee for the implementation of the

Mexico-Israel agreement for scientific and technological cooperation, which was signed last June. Under the agreement, the joint committee must be convened once every 15 months, alternately in Mexico and Israel, to draw up concrete plans for implementing the agreement.

The current session of the joint committee is to discuss a combined programme for 1973. Topics to be discussed include agricultural and arid-zone research, the holding of a joint symposium in Mexico, scientific exchanges, training for about 40 Mexicans in various fields of science and technology and the holding of advanced courses.

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It was noted that Israel's scientific cooperation programme with Mexico is the largest it has with any country.

The delegation includes Dr. Eduardo Echeverria Alvarez, the president of the Mexican Council for the Quality of the Environment and brother of Mexico's President Luis Echeverria Alvarez; Dr. Jose Luis Mateos, president of the Mexican Academy for Scientific Research, and Dr. Oscar Brauer Herrera, director of the National Institute for Agricultural Research.

The delegation is accompanied by two sons of the President of Mexico, who plan to study Israel's approach to problems of national development, agriculture in arid zones, fisheries and the war on poverty. (IHM)

# Discount, Barclays launch new savings scheme

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Discount Bank and Barclays are today launching the "most advantageous saving housing scheme" ever drawn up in Israel, according to Mr. Eli Cohen, assistant to the director-general of banking network.

His scheme, called "Titron Dira," consists of three distinct parts: regular monthly payments for specified periods ranging from five years to 10 years; nine per cent interest; the sums accumulated; and a "lump sum" equal to twice the sum a saver has in the scheme at the end of the specified period of saving.

For example, if a person sets up IL830 a month for five years, at the end of these five years he will have saved IL19,800; with interest, it increases to IL24,083. Since he also gets a mortgage of twice the sum he saved, i.e., if he saved IL800, he will get a mortgage of IL1,600, the total sum will be IL3,883.

At the end of the fixed period, to take either nine per cent interest, or four per cent interest plus any upward fluctuations in the cost-of-living index.

The mortgages would be given for one and a half times the period of saving. Thus, if a person saved for five years, his mortgage would be for 7.5 years; if he saved for 10 years, it would be for 15 years. During all this period, the interest rate would be eight per cent unlinked.

## Beirut students seek Israeli contacts

**HAIFA.** — A group of medical students at a Beirut university have set up a committee to press the Lebanese Government to "improve" relations with Israel. This was reported here yesterday by Archbishop Joseph Raya, who returned here from Lebanon last week.

The Archbishop said he had met with seven of the students, who included two Jews. They asked his help in establishing contact with Israeli students and said they were ready to visit Israel, if permitted, to discuss with their counterparts issues of common interest to the two countries, he said. (IHM)

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her plans will bring the savings, rent and mortgage up to IL70,000 more.

This is sufficient, even under conditions reigning today in the housing market, to buy a two-and-a-half or three-room flat, on the outskirts of any of the large cities in Israel," Cohen stated. Such an apartment would admittedly be small, but "sufficient for a newly married couple to set up householding."

Mr. Cohen noted that the nine per cent annual interest would be paid to those subscribers who signed up for the fixed period. Moreover, the interest paid for the fixed period will rise above nine per cent, and the subscriber could choose, at

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## Pathology congress Capital next week

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Some 300 pathologists, physicians and research scientists from 25 countries will convene in Jerusalem Monday, for an "extension" of the ninth world congress of the International Academy of Pathology.

Prof. Alexander Laufer of the Hebrew University Medical School, who will chair the meeting, told newsmen yesterday that most part of the congress is to be held in Haifa. As a courtesy to Israel, it was decided to hold the extension meeting in Jerusalem — at the Van Leer Institute on September 11-14.

Prof. Laufer became a member of the national Academy only two years ago. Prof. Laufer said. The meeting here is sponsored by the Israel Academy of Sciences, the country's three medical schools, and the Israel Cancer Association.



# McGovern pledges 25th anniversary visit if elected

Senator George McGovern, Democratic candidate in the U.S. presidential election in November, yesterday said he hopes to participate as President in Israel's 25th independence anniversary, set for Jerusalem next year.

In a message to Dr. Miron Shaslik, Chairman of the Americans in Israel for McGovern, the Democratic candidate added, "I hope I can make the trip to dedicate the American Embassy in Jerusalem." The reference was to his earlier statement that he would move the embassy from Tel Aviv to the Capital.

Sen. McGovern in the message recalled, "I have pledged to be the first American President to visit Israel while in office."

## New parachute facility opened

**Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent**

One of the most advanced installations for packing and storing parachutes in the world was opened at an army base on Sunday. The IL35m. building contains 32 packing tables, a modern repair shop and special storing devices.

The installation was opened by the Mayor of Ramat Gan, Dr. Israel Peled (Ramat Gan is the town which has adopted the Paratroop Brigade) in the presence of Chief Paratroop and Infantry Officer, Tat-Aluf Emanuel Shaked, and his predecessor, Tat-Aluf Raphael Eitan.

The design of the building is based on years of local and foreign experience, and features such as air-conditioning, an internal communications system and a conveyor belt have been included.

One of the most important — and expensive — improvements is a hyper-sensitive anti-fire warning system which automatically seals off areas and activates sprinklers when it detects smoke or when the temperature rises over a certain level.

## German diplomat here on visit

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Dr. Helmut Redies, head of the Middle East and North Africa Department at the Federal German Foreign Ministry, is visiting Israel, after recently touring a number of Arab countries.

He will be meeting with Mr. Mordechai Gazit, the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and senior Ministry officials. He arrived here on Saturday night and will leave on Friday.

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**U.S. columnists report Secret negotiations between U.S., Syria**

WASHINGTON (INA). — Secret negotiations are taking place between Syria and the U.S. "looking toward a partial resumption of diplomatic relations" between the two countries, columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak said in their syndicated column.

"Confidential talks have been going on for some time and no imminent arrangement is expected," Evans and Novak wrote. "But the mere fact that the Syrian regime, one of the area's most virulently anti-American governments, wants a diplomatic outpost in Washington is the most spectacular piece of evidence yet available that the U.S. holds the trump cards in the Middle East today."

The columnists note that the Syrians want some form of diplomatic representation, "under the cover of a third country, such as the U.S. now has in Cairo through the Spanish Embassy."

The expulsion of the Russians from Egypt is currently perceived within the Nixon Administration "as an unpredictable sea change that has transformed the Middle East from the most dangerous threat of war between the Soviet Union and the United States to a potentially stable area in which Moscow's huge investment seems on bankruptcy," Evans and Novak said.

In recent weeks, the Nixon Administration has reopened formal

diplomatic relations with Yemen and Sudan, and Iraq has agreed to accept an American diplomat this month, they note. "Egypt, as the top Arab power, is leading lesser Arab states into a tentative anti-Soviet, pro-American posture that is changing the face of the Middle East," the columnists said.

Furthermore, they state, "this political change has taken place despite the U.S. decision earlier this year to give Israel just about all the military equipment it wants." Sadat, they add, will appeal to the U.N. to underwrite a Mideast peace conference rather than to go directly to the U.S.

"The real test will come next year," Evans and Novak stated, "when Sadat will quietly appeal to the U.S. for help on grounds that Cairo has expanded Soviet influence and is ready for U.S. mediation with Israel. A settlement under U.S. mediation, therefore, looks more hopeful than at any time since the 1967 war—but only if Israel, now riding high in the Mideast saddle, also agrees to negotiate."

**Egypt women may attend Friday prayers**

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egyptian Moslem women yesterday gained access to one of the oldest and most exclusive preserves of males — the inside of a mosque during Friday prayers.

It was announced that women in the future will be allowed to perform Friday prayers in mosques — but they will have to stand in rows behind the men.

The announcement came following a request submitted to religious authorities by Dr. Soad Maher, a leading woman professor of Islamic art at Cairo University.

**Cairo and Bonn discuss economic relations**

CAIRO (Reuter). — Preliminary steps toward the promotion of economic relations between Egypt and West Germany were discussed here between representatives of the two countries, it was announced yesterday.

A high-level Egyptian economic delegation is due to visit Bonn later this month for talks with West German officials. They are expected to discuss financial aid which West Germany has promised to advance and an Egyptian request for a new rescheduling of debts owed to Germany.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Muzir Ghaleb will visit Italy from September 16-17 at the invitation of his Italian counterpart, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

**Top Spanish bullfighter gored 4 times**

BAYONNE, France (Reuter). — Top Spanish bullfighter Luis Miguel Dominguez was gored four times in the groin by a bull and seriously injured during a fight here on Sunday.

Dominguez, 46, who came out of retirement last year after a 10-year absence from the ring, was thrown in the air and dragged around the arena by the bull.

He was rushed to hospital and had an immediate operation. Doctors said his life was not in danger.

Dominguez is the brother-in-law of bullfighter Antonio Ordones, with whom he fought a famous bullfighting duel in 1969 which was described by Ernest Hemingway in his book, "The Dangerous Summer."

**Scheel to visit Malta for talks with Mintoff**

BONN (UPI). — Foreign Minister Walter Scheel will visit Malta Monday for talks with Prime Minister Dom Mintoff, a ministerial spokesman said yesterday.

He said they would discuss international questions and relations between the two countries.

**India may take some Asians 'on individual basis'**

NEW DELHI (AP). — Foreign Minister Swaran Singh indicated yesterday India might accept "on an individual basis" some of the Asians with "British" passports being expelled from Uganda.

He ruled out any blanket permission for entry, however, telling Parliament, "We cannot take any posture that will abrogate the United Kingdom's government of its responsibility."

The Foreign Minister attacked as "racially motivated" the expulsion order by Uganda President Idi Amin.

"To proceed on considerations of ethnic origin and discriminate against people of a particular race or region is likely to weaken the struggle against racial discrimination in other areas," he said.

Swaran Singh said India accepts full responsibility for the Indian citizens included in the expulsion order, who he said number about 4,500.

The government expects that

**Mitterrand cancels Soviet trip after threat**

By JACK MAURICE  
 Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — French Socialist party leader Francois Mitterrand yesterday cancelled a visit to the Soviet Union after a threat by the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, Evgeny Abrazimov, that Russia would withdraw its invitation to him, to visit Moscow.

Mitterrand scrapped his visit scheduled for November, in response to the threat by Abrazimov conveyed in a letter on Sunday which professed the anti-Soviet stand Mitterrand had taken in protesting the ransom tax imposed by the Soviets on "professional Soviet Jews who seek to emigrate."

The French Socialist party executive is to meet later this week to discuss the row with the Soviet government over the plight of the Jewish community.

But it seems unlikely that the Socialists will pursue this polemic in public. They are eager to play down the issue in order to spare further embarrassment for the French Communists, with whom

they have agreed on a joint campaign platform for the 1973 French general election.

Mr. Mitterrand wrote to Abrazimov a week ago denouncing the ransoming of Soviet Jews as a breach of the United Nations Charter of Human Rights and demanding that the levies should be lifted.

In his answer to Mitterrand, Abrazimov accused him of "trying to artificially divide Soviet citizens according to national criteria." He asked: "For what reason do you take such pains and are so obsessed by marking Jews off from the common family of Soviet citizens? For what reason are you trying to give them a special status and even, I would almost say, special rights?"

"Le Monde," which like all the non-Communist press yesterday accused the Soviet authorities of being grossly intolerant of criticism, commented: "This is a curious idea of Franco-Soviet cooperation. Imagine that sort of comments there would be in 'Pravda' if the American Ambassador in Paris had made a similar protest to the French government and the Communist Party."

**'Harassed' UDA breaks off 'diplomatic ties' with Army**

BELFAST (Northern Ireland (UPI)). — The Ulster Defence Association (UDA), a para-military Protestant organization, said yesterday it was being harassed by the British Army and was breaking off cooperation with it.

The UDA announcement also said its 50,000 members would resume wearing disguises of masks and dark glasses as protection against reprisals of the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The UDA announcement followed reports that British forces last week arrested a UDA member for illegal possession of a revolver. The reports said UDA members made an unsuccessful bid to rescue him.

A UDA spokesman said in effect the UDA was breaking "diplomatic relations" with the Army under what it called "continual harassment of UDA members by the security forces and Mr. Whitelaw's bungling of Northern Ireland issues."

British Secretary of State William Whitelaw has been seeking a political solution to the Northern Ireland problem and had won agreement from Catholic political leaders in the province to meet him and Prime Minister Edward Heath in England today.

The UDA, which calls itself a "counter-terrorist" organization to protect Protestant areas from the IRA, claims it can turn out 20,000 men in the streets of Belfast within 30 minutes, it added.

Provisional sources said the organization is planning a shakeup in leadership and military tactics against the British Army, which has been accused of heavy-handed support among Roman Catholics as a result of their recent bombing and shooting campaign that has indiscriminately taken civilian lives, they said.

From now on, they said, the gunners will seek to eliminate those in the civilian population and the IRA will refrain its guerrilla tactics in what could be a return to the "lying column" guerrilla tactics used in the early 1920s against British forces, the sources said.

The re-thinking among the Provisional leadership followed growing dismay among its own supporters and the steadily increasing toll among civilians, including children, as a result of its so-called hot bombing and shooting tactics.

The death toll in Northern Ireland in three years of violence stood at 548, more than half — 381 — civilians killed by stray bullets or in booby-trap explosions.

**Heath, Lynch hold 'useful' talks on Ulster**

MUNICH (UPI). — British Premier Edward Heath met for 90 minutes with his Irish counterpart Jack Lynch at the British Consulate yesterday in what the Irish Premier termed "useful talks."

A British spokesman described the meeting, called while both premiers were here for the Olympic Games, as "straightforward" and said Heath made it plain he expected Lynch to crack down further on Irish Republican Army units actively operating in Ulster from Ireland.

Lynch said he hoped they had both come nearer a solution to the Ulster problem. "We had useful talks," he told reporters after the meeting.

The British spokesman made it clear Heath had done most of the talking. He said Heath told Lynch there had been more than 28 raids across the border into Northern Ireland in recent weeks.

Heath also said 50,000 rounds of ammunition and 15,000 explosives had been discovered in Northern Ireland since direct rule was introduced, according to the spokesman.

"The British government has already made an impressive list of concessions, there can be no more," the spokesman said, adding that Heath had spoken "with vigour."

The two men also discussed problems concerning both countries' entrance into the European Common Market, the spokesman said.

**100 stranded tourists confined to Moscow hotel**

MOSCOW (AP). — More than 100 tourists were confined in an Aeroflot transit-hotel yesterday, stranded when their Soviet airline was unable to provide seats it had sold at bargain rates.

The passengers included Japanese, Germans, Iranians and Americans.

The largest group, about 80, arrived on Sunday. Another group had been held up since Friday.

All the passengers had been scheduled to change planes in Moscow. But whether they were bound for Tokyo, New York or Frankfurt, they found their scheduled flights full.

They were taken to the Aeroflot hotel and will probably have to stay there until space can be found on another Aeroflot flight.

The passengers were confined to their floors on Sunday night.

Space will have to be found on Aeroflot flights because the Soviets will not allow the passengers to change airlines to continue their journeys. A Pan-Am plane which

could have accommodated most of one group left for New York on Sunday with 70 seats empty.

The Soviet airline will not allow the passengers to take other airlines because Aeroflot would have to reimburse the other carriers for the flight in hard currency.

One passenger said he bought a cut-rate ticket in New York from Aeroflot for a round-trip flight to Teheran. The price marked on the ticket was 1,470 rubles, \$1,760 at the official exchange rate. He said he actually paid \$475, about \$600 less than the agreed international rate.

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**Antiseptic lizard**

LERIDA, Spain (UPI). — Juan Antonio Moreno Torres complained to Lerida's central dairy when he found a dead lizard in a bottle of their milk.

The dairy said they would make tests to see whether the lizard got into the bottle before or after the milk was drunk.

"But," said a spokesman, "if by an unlikely chance the lizard got into the bottle before it left the factory, the sterilizing and washing process would have removed any virus."

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est German tandem cyclists Juergen Barth and Rainer Mueller fall in front of their Dutch opponents (left) Bek and Benedykt Kocot in the quarter-final race on Sunday.

### Swimmers give U.S. medal lead

American swimmers made a sweep of all four events in the Olympic pool in Munich yesterday to put the U.S. ahead of the medal race of the 20th Games. The four swimming victories gave the U.S. a total of 25 gold medals lead Russia by two. America's lead was more of the baser metal. Both Soviet triumphs came in the 200-metre sprint — in 20 minutes flat to double up in the 100-metre sprint. He had previously won the 100-metre sprint. In the triple jump, his team-mate, Borisov came into the gold in a leap of 17.35 metres. Other victors yesterday were the 500-metre steeplechase, and West Germany's Ulfka Meyfarth, a toly dark horse who won the men's high jump. Borzov's 200-metre triumph was practically settled half-way to the finish, and his best time of 1:59.99. Larry Black of the U.S. took the 100-metre sprint. Borzov became the third man in history to go under 20 with an electronic timing of 19.99 seconds. His best time was 20.00 for a ropan record. Black had a slight lead coming

off the final turn but Borzov, who earlier won the 100 metres gold medal, staged a strong finish. With 80 metres to go, the Russian flashed into a short lead, and with 50 metres left he was in complete command. Borzov became the first double sprint winner in an Olympic games since America's Bobby Morrow at Melbourne in 1956. He is the first Russian to win either of the sprints. Borzov's triple jump win was his second straight Olympic gold medal with a first leap of 17.35 metres. Joerg Drahmel of East Germany came within 4 cms. of it to capture the silver medal, and Nelson Prudencio of Brazil the bronze, with 17.05. Miss Meyfarth, an unknown 16-year-old West German girl, jumped to an Olympic record of 1.90 metres to win the women's high jump. Yordanka Blagoeva of Bulgaria won the silver medal with a jump of 1.88 metres, and Hona Gussenbauer, the Austrian world record holder at 1.92 metres, took the bronze at the same height. Ludmila Bragina of Russia led from start to finish to break her own world 1,500 metres record during a qualification heat for the Olympic title. The Russian girl broke out from the bunch after about 50 metres had been covered and went on to win

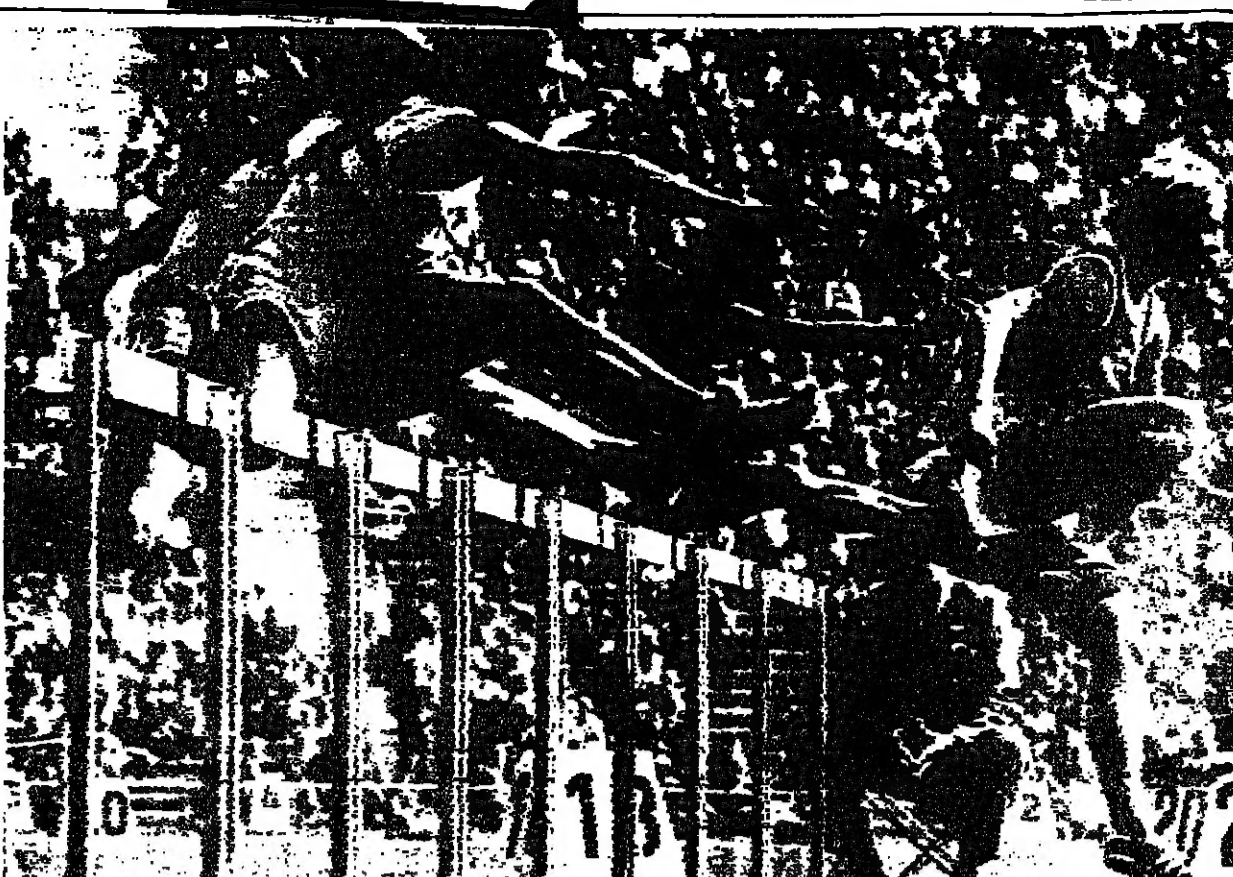
in 4 minutes, 6.5 seconds to take four-tenths of a second off the mark she set less than two months ago in Moscow. Glenda Retser of Canada, a 17-year-old racing in her first major season, also broke the old record when she finished second in 4:08.7. Vassilena Amzina of Bulgaria captured the second heat and Tamara Fangelova of the Soviet Union won the third group. The fourth and final heat was won by petite Ellen Tittel of West Germany. On Sunday night, Toyokabu Nomura of Japan won the welterweight judo gold medal. Anton Zajkowski of Poland won the silver medal; while Dietmar Hoetger of East Germany and Anatol Novikov of the Soviet Union won the two bronzes. In one of the big upsets of the Games, the favoured Soviet weightlifters failed dimly to live up to expectations. Only one Moscow musclemans has so far won a gold medal, and four out of seven entries in the first seven weight divisions failed to qualify. All four dropouts could not raise the weight they nominated. Even if the Russians win the remaining titles — they have men in two other events — they will finish behind the Bulgarians, who have already won three gold and two silver medals. (Kestor, UPI)



### Esther's future in doubt Takes 4th in heat, semi-finals today

By DEBRA MARKUS Jerusalem Post Correspondent

MUNICH — Israel's top woman sprinter Esther Shahamov has come up against reality here at the Olympics and she and her coach, Amizur Shapira, face some serious thinking and hard work if Esther is going to go further in the sports world. Shapira holds the key to much of her past success. Two years ago at the Asian Games in Bangkok she won two gold medals and a silver one (with a first place in the 100m and 100m hurdles and a second in the long jump). In the 100 metres last Friday, Esther became the first Israeli to make an Olympic semi-



Israel's Esther Shahamov (centre) during her heat in the 100-metre hurdles yesterday. She came in fourth, qualifying for the semi-finals to be held today. Annelie Ehrhardt of East Germany (far right) came first in the heat, Judith Vernon (left) of Great Britain was second and Therese Nowak of Poland (partly hidden) third.

final, she then topped that feat yesterday by qualifying for the semi-finals of the 100m hurdles. That race is to be run today. Esther has a powerful build. She runs with a slight rolling action which tends to restrict her speed over the 100m sprint, but her power could produce a great 200m time. Her hurdling must be worked on. Her best time in the 100m is 11.4 and she should do better than her 13.4 for the 100m hurdles. Her lack of technique over the hurdles where she pulls back on landing instead of running on to the next hurdle must be overcome. Esther learns from experience and here she is getting the best that can be had. Moreover, her ability to produce her best under pressure shows her psychological stability, an essential in top class racing.

Whatever her outcome in today's final, her future is not just up to her. Esther, in my opinion, has not yet reached her peak and coach Shapira bears the responsibility of developing her potential to its full. Esther needs many more opportunities to meet the best in the world in order to learn what it means to fully extend herself. Shapira should be given full credit for the work he has already done. He has had to fight to resist interference from many quarters, and rightly so, as he knows his athlete best. Yet he must now be prepared to seek further advice. Israel must help him, either by sending him abroad to learn from top coaches or bring top coaches here to help him work with Esther. Esther's potential must not be left to waste away. Esther has qualified after two years of study at the Wingate Institute to teach in a primary school. But she is not assured of a third year at Wingate. There she is helped by the institute's atmosphere and she has the facilities she vitally needs. If she could finish a third year at Wingate, she would qualify to teach in high school. Yet due to the time and effort she has given to bring Israel so much honour and pride, she has dropped her grades. She would surely be helped if public demand could be roused to express its gratitude by helping her with a scholarship, so easily obtained by sportsmen abroad.

What of Israel's other sportsmen? To begin with, Yuval Vishnitzer was given far too high a minimum to achieve. He got close to it many times. On his trip through Europe he tried again and again, perhaps too often in too short a space of time when a holiday break and relaxation might have produced the desired effect. He is young and should have been encouraged and given the chance to gain the vital experience that only the Olympics can give. Fifteen-year-old Hana Abramovitch, who missed the high jump minimum by some five cms., should also have been sent to Munich, if only as a spectator. She needs to see, know and feel the atmosphere of such competitions. As for Hana Shezif, she is not in the world class. She has been given her chances and should know when to quit. Aviva Balas needs a good coach. She is capable of 2:02.00 in the 800 metres, whereas her time now is 2:06.5 secs. She needs discipline and hard driving to bring the best out of her before it is too late. She has a natural speed and a beautiful body for such an event. She should be developed with strict discipline. Moreover, she needs plenty of competition to learn to cope with it. She has a great talent and at the age of 22 her talent should be matured for the next Olympics.



Kenya's Kipchoge Keino jumps the barrier in the final lap of the 3,000-metre steeplechase final yesterday.

### Kenya's Keino comes through

MUNICH (UPI) — Kipchoge Keino, the greatest distance runner ever to come out of Kenya, yesterday came through with a storming last lap to win the Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase gold medal yesterday. Keino, who won the 1,500 metres in Mexico City four years ago and plans to defend the title here, completed his run in 8 minutes, 23.64 seconds to win from teammate Ben Jipcho and Finland's Tapio Kantanen. Defending champion Amos Biwott of Kenya finished sixth. Keino, who calls the steeplechase "a race for animals," said he entered only because the Olympic schedule did not permit him to compete in both the 1,500 and 5,000 metres. The finals of those two events are only minutes apart next Saturday.

### Price rise not basis for breaking a contract

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals Before Justices Berenson, Mazy and Kister. Yosef Levi, Appellant, v. Ram Caspi and Others, Respondents (C.A. 2/72). The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a decision of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on December 27, 1972 (in Motion 3867/69). Court-approved contract is binding on trustees

**LAW REPORT**  
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The Soviet Union's David Rigert, who set a new record in the middle heavy weightlifting competition yesterday, tears his trunks with anger after losing the gold medal. (AP radiophotos)

The respondents are trustees for companies which submitted proposals for a compromise with creditors to the Tel Aviv District Court. In the course of these proceedings the trustees agreed that two companies should sell two plots of land to the appellant for a sum of money, to be distributed amongst the creditors. As, however, the companies could not face the necessary certificates regarding that they had paid the taxes and taxes on the land, the implementation of the contract of sale was not effected at the time of the contract. In the meantime, the price of the land had risen and the companies' creditors asked the District Court to instruct the trustees to refrain from transferring the land to the appellant and to put it up for sale more. The District Court acceded to this request, holding that a notion must be drawn between the acts of trustees in the sale of land and other persons acting in public office, and contracts with ordinary buyers and sellers. The appeal against this decision to the Supreme Court, Mr. I. Nistreich appeared for the appellant, Mr. P. Mazy and Mr. R. M. for the trustees, and Mr. E. M. for Mr. B. Bier and Mr. S. M. Cohen for the creditors.

Justice Kister, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, held that the distinction between the acts of sale in which one party is a public functionary and acts of sale between two private individuals, which the District Court had drawn, had no basis in law. For the doctrine of contract, which applies equally to the citizen as an individual and to the citizen as the holder of public office, in order to conserve public money, is money of corporate bodies and of supervision, Justice Kister continued, there are, in several provisions to the effect that acts made by guardians or trustees, etc. are subject to the approval or permission of the court, once this approval or permission is given, then the contracts between ordinary citizens, subject to the same rules as all other contracts, and the courts are not entitled to cancel them for reasons which would not hold in the case of acts between private individuals. Also C.A. 555/71, 1 P.D. 81.

In the short, Justice Kister concluded, a contract is made with the approval of a court, then that contract is as binding on trustees as on other parties; and if the trustees object to its implementation they must first seek the guidance of the court as to whether it is justifiable to expose the corporation or individual under the protection of the court to the consequences of cancelling it. Creditors, therefore, may not seek to get the

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### Not yet at peak

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Israel's Shaul Ladani (496, far right), at the start of the 50-kilometre walk at the Stadium on Sunday. West Germany's Bernd Kanneberg (372, foreground) won the event. (AP radiophoto)

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### UZI IS ABOUT TO JOIN THE ARMY...

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# J.N. BODY ISSUES ROSH HASHANA CARD



For the first time this year UNICORF is issuing a New Year's card for Rosh Hashana. It features a blue disc, heavily embossed design by Israeli-born artist Rina Rotholz, who now lives in the U.S. The card, reproduced from tile in a special graphic technique called tuilegraphy developed by the artist, shows a crudely shaped disc, embossed with pomegranate seeds as a symbol of fertility and other ancient motifs and has a line of Aramaic lettering below it. The card inside carries a bi-lingual greeting in Hebrew and English. Educated in Lebanon and Israel, Mrs. Rotholz (the former Rina Chelouché), served as an architectural draftsman in the Israeli Army during the War of Independence before settling in the U.S.



# Overdone caricature

**KOTCH** (Criterion, Tel Aviv) If a Walt Disney artist were to draw a kind-hearted 70-year-old man for a Disney cartoon film, he could do worse than to use Walter Matthau, made up as Joseph P. Kotcher, as his model. Matthau's deeply lined, jowley features, topped by a thick thatch of white hair, seemed to be nothing less than the creation of a cartoonist. There may be kindly old men who go around comforting crying children, wiping their noses and sending them on their way with a friendly tap on their posterior. There may be kindly old men who befriend pregnant teenagers, and when the time comes, deliver the baby in the ladies' room of a petrol station. However, when all are combined into the character of old Joe Kotcher, together with his garbulousness and understanding, it becomes just too much.

# BESTING THE MOLE RAT

RAISE the day... I think I've finally bested the mole rat at lives in my garden. It may sound strange to hear a grown man crowing over her victory over her opponent is half the size of her hand, but my elation will be well understood by anyone who has ever been plagued by one of these burrowing rodents.



By Dvora Ben-Shaul

ed useful in keeping rock hyrax out of orchards, gazelles out of new plantations and honey badgers away from beehives.

While knowing I had a few ounces left over in a tin in my car I arrived home to be confronted with a new tunnel right through the middle of the carnations. "Now how would 'old toby' like a bit of this down his tunnel?" I asked myself and promptly dumped it down, following it with a good dowsing of water from the hose.

We haven't seen a sign of him for a month now, he just simply left. The beauty of it is that the material is harmless to man and animal, does not damage the plants and can be used on almost any surface. The only drawback is that it has a terrible smell that persists for several days, at least according to my nose, but animals seem to smell it even after a month or more.

I'm hoping "old toby" decides to stay gone for good but if he shows up again I'll be ready with my bucket of Repel and a water hose... I still don't wish him ill but only elsewhere.

A friend of mine in Tel Aviv asks of the fact that his mole is a nice fellow who eats things of value — well, mine isn't. His taste is far from plan and when given a choice between imported tulip bulbs or a domestic grown, he carefully assesses the price and eats those that cost ILL.00 each more.

him, just to make him go away. One can flood his tunnels with kerosene but since his tunnels are usually located in the richest bulb beds, there's little to be gained by that procedure for in getting rid of the mole rat, one gets rid of the garden as well. Last year I even tried to appease him and planted a bed of sweet yams, thinking to tempt him away from my other tubers. He appreciated it but went right on feasting on garden plants and saving the yams for dessert. Just when I was about to give up bulb gardening (and even lawn gardening for that matter) I got an inspiration from the label on a can of a repellent product we've been trying out at the Nature Reserves Authority. The liquid, called Repel, has proved

# BEIRUT RAID PARATROOPS WORE DRESS UNIFORMS

The paratroopers who destroyed 14 Arab planes at Beirut Airport on December 28, 1968, wore their dress uniforms and red berets, not helmets. This information, in addition to hitherto unknown facts about the raid, will be published in the special New Year's addition of the army weekly, "Bamahane," this week.

The time of the raid — 21.15 — was determined by two criteria: that there would be few landings or take-offs, thus keeping the number of people on the field down to a minimum, and that there would be a maximum number of empty Arab planes on the strip at the time. The time allocated for the raid was 30 minutes.

by amazed as the paratroops rushed for the concentration of parked planes. The men carried sacks of explosives on their backs. Soldiers with loudspeakers warned the technicians and mechanics to get as far away from the planes as possible, while others removed stubborn Lebanese officials by force.

The background to the raid is summed up in the magazine as follows: On Thursday, December 26, 1968, Arab terrorists attacked an El Al plane at Athens. One civilian was killed and an air hostess was injured.

The raiding party continued its preparations through Saturday afternoon, during which they were visited by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and the Chief of Staff. In a short address Dayan explained that: "this is not only a retaliatory raid. We intend to attach a price for the attack on Israeli civilian aircraft."

Two explosive charges were placed in each of the planes which had been singled out for destruction. After it was ensured that all personnel were out of range, an explosion rocked the field, and the paratroops could be seen retreating, silhouetted against 40-metre high flames.

## Good meal

On Saturday night — after a good meal and a bout of communal singing — the party boarded helicopters and flew into Lebanon from the south.

The officers had to deal with four unknowns: to navigate successfully; to identify and ensure that only planes belonging to Arab companies were hit, and to complete the action within the given time limit; and to return to Israel without leaving any of the attacking soldiers behind.

All the while the attack was in progress helicopters dropped smoke canisters on the main arteries leading to the airport, so as to prevent civilian vehicles from entering the area.

Exactly thirty minutes after having landed, the paratroops regrouped at a spot three kilometres from the field, climbed into helicopters and returned safely to base. Once home they were greeted by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who referred to them as "the army's top team."

The magazine depicts one of the favourite rumours which accompanied the raid: Rafuf, it is learned, did not have coffee at the Beirut airport lounge.

# Gaza police nab IL 50,000 of opium

Jerusalem Post Reporter GAZA. — The narcotics squad of the local police seized 2.2 kilograms of pure opium here on Sunday. They arrested the two men in possession of the drug, estimated to be worth IL50,000.

Police say they came upon the drug after following a local taxi driver suspected of peddling. The driver went to a laundry and then left his cab to enter the place with a parcel. Police followed him into the laundry and arrested him and the laundry owner, allegedly taking possession of the parcel, which contained the opium.

GAZA POLICE have arrested a 17-year-old boy from Beit Lahyah on a charge of raping a 10-year-old girl on Sunday.

# EGGED RUNNING SPECIAL ROSH HASHANA SERVICES

TEL AVIV. — Egged will run special services for the Rosh Hashana holiday on Thursday, Friday and Sunday night, to enable it to cope with the large numbers of passengers expected. The entire bus fleet of the company will be on the roads, an Egged spokesman said.

The last buses to leave Tel Aviv on the eve of Rosh Hashana are as follows: to Eilat at 2 p.m.; Urim, Tzefelim and Gvulot at 2.15 p.m.; To Holon, Bat Yam, Lydda, Rehovot, Eilat, Leshem and Ramle at 5.30 p.m.; Nirim and Nahal Oz at 1.30 p.m.; Beersheba, Ashkelon, Yavne, Jerusalem, Kiryat Gat, Beer Yacov, Azor, Ashdod at 5 p.m.; Kiryat Menashev at 12.30 p.m. Naan, Gan Yavne, Hadera, Givat Brenner at 4 p.m.; to the Upper Galilee at 4.30 p.m.; Kadima, Even Yehuda, Tel Mond at 4.30 p.m.; Zichron Tal, Eilat, Pardes Hanna at 5 p.m.; Herzliya, Kiryat Saba, Netanya at 5.30 p.m.; Tiberias at 3.40 p.m.; Afula and Nazareth at 4.35 p.m. Safad at 1 p.m.; Yavne at 2.45 p.m.

From Haifa, the last buses to leave the station on the eve of Rosh Hashana are as follows: To Eilat at 8.30 a.m.; to Tiberias via Hama at 12.05 p.m.; to Jerusalem and Beersheba at 1.50 p.m.; Malkia, Yaron, Bar Am at 2.35 p.m.; to Tiberias via Emek Yezreel, and Emek Beit Shean 3.45 p.m.; Tiberias via Nazareth at 4.15 p.m.; Yavne at 4.40 p.m.; Afula at 5.15 p.m.; Safad and Rosh Pina at 4.15 p.m.; Kiryat Shmona at 8.30 p.m.; Tel Aviv at 5 p.m.

Internal services will be stopped between 4-4.30 in the afternoon. The internal bus services in Jerusalem will stop at about 5 p.m. Transportation will start on Sunday night at 6.40 p.m.

The last buses from Jerusalem on Friday afternoon are as follows: To Tel Aviv at 5 p.m.; Eilat at 5 p.m.; Beersheba at 3.45 p.m.; Afula at 12.45 p.m.; Kiryat Shmona at 1 p.m.; Eilat at 1 p.m.; Tiberias through the West Bank at 3.15 p.m.

# Record profit at Dead Sea Works

Jerusalem Post Reporter BEERSHEBA. — The Dead Sea Works yesterday announced an operating profit of IL26.8m. for the year 1971/72.

This is the highest profit figure reported by the Company since it was established. It was attributed by manager Arye Sahar to efficiency measures and to higher potash prices on the world market. The company produced 846,000 tons of potash last year and its exports amounted to more than \$30m. worth. Net profit totalled IL6.6m.

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# 'Enfant terrible' joins the immortals

Chess correspondent  
**ELIAHU SHAHAF**,  
reviews the impact on  
the chess world of  
Bobby Fischer's victory  
in the world  
championship.



Bobby Fischer (centre) faces Spassky in Reykjavik.

AFTER nearly two months of a gruelling battle, 20-year-old International Grandmaster Robert James Fischer on Friday became the new world chess champion and the first American to hold the title since it was inaugurated in 1886. The final result of what was termed "the match of the century" was Fischer 12½ points, Boris Spassky, 8½. The "prophet of the century" turned out to be U.S. International Grandmaster Robert Byrne, who predicted the final score exactly.

In winning the supreme title of the chess world, Fischer put an end to the 24-year uninterrupted reign of the Soviets which began when Mikhail Botvinnik became world champion in 1948. The title was subsequently held by Vasily Smyslov, Mikhail Tal, Tigran Petrosian and finally by Spassky, in 1969.

Fischer's victory puts him in line with the immortals of the royal game, Wilhelm Steinitz, Emanuel Lasker, Jose Capablanca, Max Euwe and Alexander Alekhine, who dominated the chess world for over half a century. If Robert Byrne's current prophecy is to come through, Bobby Fischer will be the world champion for the next 12 years.

Never in the history of chess has a world championship match aroused so much general interest as the latest one, and certainly no prize fund came anywhere near the unheard of sum of the match's \$250,000 prize, of which 60 per cent goes to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. Why the unprecedented interest? Up to 1948, the world championship matches were an individual affair. Steinitz, Lasker, Capablanca and Alekhine represented themselves rather than their countries of origin.

### Exception

Max Euwe, the present president of the International Chess Federation (F.I.D.E.) and world champion 1935-1937, was somewhat of an exception in this respect. His victory over Alekhine in 1935 became a matter of national pride to Holland and served as a powerful stimulus to Dutch chess, turning Holland into one of the prominent chess countries in the world.

Between 1948 and 1972 the contests for the supreme title became a "family affair," a duel between two Russian grandmasters. In the eyes of the world the Spassky-Fischer match was an East-West confrontation.

The prospects of smatching the chess crown from the Russians was naturally especially exciting for the U.S., where the royal game enjoyed a comparatively modest interest until Fischer became a serious contender for the crown. The only American to enjoy wide public interest in his native country was Paul Charles Morphy (1837-1854), the greatest player of his time. He was the only chess master to remain undefeated in key encounters with all contemporaries. However, Morphy was never the official world champion.

Fischer, the *enfant terrible* of the chess world, who never enjoyed great popularity in his home country, became the great chess hope of the Western world. Unlike Spassky, who can be said to be a product of the Soviet chess school, Fischer is a self-made man who devoted his life to Chess (the goddess of chess) from early childhood to the exclusion of almost everything else.

Bobby Fischer was born in Chicago on March 9, 1943. He learned chess at the age of seven from in-

structions that came with a chess set bought by his sister Joan and an old chess book he found. Soon he became entirely obsessed by the game. He progressed rapidly and at the age of 14 won the U.S. championship. At 15 he became the youngest grandmaster in the world. After his brilliant victory in the 1961 Stockholm Interzonal Tournament, Bobby cherished high hopes of winning the 1962 Curacao World Championship Candidates' Tournament in order to challenge Mikhail Botvinnik for the world title. But he finished fourth in a field of eight competitors, five of whom were Russians.

It was then that Bobby came out with his accusation that a Soviet "conspiracy" existed and it was only with the change introduced in the candidates' competitions — individual encounters instead of match-tournaments — that the ground for his complaints could be removed.

Fischer's second bid for the world title was rather an abrupt one. In the 1967 Soussie Interzonal tournament he walked out in the middle over a dispute with the tournament management when he was leading the field. Three years later he climbed once again to the candidates' matches after a brilliant victory in the Palma de Majorca Interzonal tournament. In the preliminaries Fischer disposed of the U.S.S.R.'s Mark Taimanov and Denmark's Bent Larsen with the identical score of 6-0, and finally defeated former world champion Tigran Petrosian by 6½-2½, winning the right to face Spassky.

### New demands

The Spassky-Fischer match was initially scheduled to be played in Belgrade and Reykjavik, but the Yugoslavs withdrew in view of Fischer's monetary demands. The capital of Iceland (which initially offered the second highest purse of \$125,000) was finally fixed as the site of the match and the opening date set for July 2. The story did not end there. Fischer did not show up, making new demands instead. It was not until the purse was doubled (by London banker Jim Slater) and a personal pledge made to Bobby by presidential adviser Henry Kissinger that the erratic American finally showed up in Reykjavik. On July 11 the first of the 24-games match was held, giving Spassky his first victory. Few could believe that in the next 20 games the world champion would win only one more game.

After forfeiting the second game (he failed to appear as a protest against the disturbance from television cameras), the challenger gave an indication of his true prowess in the third game. This was the first time Fischer ever defeated Spassky. In their five previous encounters (during 1960-1970) Spass-

ky triumphed three times with the other two games ending in a draw. In their last encounter prior to the match (Siegen Olympics, 1970) the world champion scored quite an impressive victory. Perhaps because this game was still strong in the minds of everyone some commentators believed so firmly that Spassky would retain his title. But Reykjavik was no Siegen. Fischer then won the fifth, sixth, eighth and tenth games to establish a comfortable lead of three points.

### Real threat

At this critical stage, with the threat to the throne becoming real, Spassky made a come-back, winning the 11th game in good style. The rejoicing in the Russian camp was short-lived. By winning the 13th game, Fischer regained his three points lead and dispersed any hope of turning the tables. During the series of seven draws that followed Spassky made tremendous efforts to break through Fischer's defenses. Fischer, on the other hand, did not press the issue, being content with his dominating lead.

Then came the 21st game. Spassky launched an all-out offensive in a final effort to save his crown, but it was rebuffed. The adjourned position left him with a scant hope of saving the game. At home, analysis convinced Spassky that there was no point in continuing the struggle, and he informed the chief arbiter by telephone of his resignation. Bobby Fischer was the new world champion.

Of the 20 games actually played, Fischer won seven, lost two and drew 11. It was one of the best scores ever attained in world championship matches played since 1948. (In his return match with Tal in 1961, Botvinnik won 10 games but lost five.)

As for the quality of the match, it left much to be desired. Less than half of the games were fit for a contest of the highest level and the really exciting ones were even less so. Spassky simply was far from his best to say the least. Apart from failing to exploit his advantage in several games, he committed outright blunders in several others. Spassky is perhaps the only person who will be able to "explain the unexplainable" in due course. The excitement which preceded the match must have had its effect on the world champion, and Bobby's demands and constant complaints (which caused more excitement around the match than on the board) contributed their share in damaging Spassky's morale. But in the final analysis this was hardly the only cause for his defeat.

### Little play

Since winning the title in 1969 Spassky has played relatively little chess. His recent appearances have been far from being convincing. In Reykjavik it was certainly not the Spassky we knew in the 1969 world championship match with Petrosian nor the brilliant winner of the 1966 Santa Monica (Pilatigorsky cup) tournament. Fischer, on the other hand, accumulated no less than 32 victories out of the 44 games he played in the Interzonal tournament and the candidates' matches.

On his way to the final match he found "himself." At 17, Fischer proclaimed: "I am going to win the world championship." He has finally achieved his goal, and, as far as the chess world is concerned he rendered it a great service, by breaking the Soviet monopoly on the world championship and popularizing the royal game to an extent never before known.

But in the era of computers the element of precision becomes a prime factor in many fields, including chess. There were hardly any flights of fantasy in Fischer's games in Reykjavik like the ones with which Alekhine and Tal dazzled the chess world. But his computer-like precision and seeming simplicity in implementing his plans, and his exploitation of the slightest errors, were no less admirable. The best indication that Fischer would still have won the match even had Spassky been at his best is perhaps the 19th game, which leaves little to be desired as far as Spassky's play was concerned. But, as often happened, Fischer put up a masterly defence and gave a most convincing demonstration of his sense of timing, cutting Spassky's winning chances with a well-calculated counter-blow at the right moment.

Whether Fischer is a greater player than Spassky is still questionable. But there is no doubt that he was by far the better of the two in Reykjavik. Apart from committing far fewer errors, he demonstrated a superior sense of the position, and it was this "sixth sense" which enabled him to make the most of the concealed possibilities in any position. Therein lies his true greatness. The best appreciation of Fischer perhaps came from the outgoing champion himself: "I like the purity of his play — very logical. His personality is very explosive. He's a real fanatic. I feel fond of him."

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## JERUSALEM GETS NEW LIBRARY

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SEVEN years ago Jerusalem — capital city of the People's Book — had hardly a book to offer, at least not in public libraries. It was not until 1964 that the Municipality opened its first 3,000-volume library in the basement of Beit Ha'am.

This afternoon, in a just-completed seven-story wing of Beit Ha'am, the Municipality will dedicate its new central library, which will contain 120,000 books on open shelves (about 12 per cent in English). In the three years after the opening of its first library, the Municipality opened six small neighborhood branches in West Jerusalem. Shortly after reunification of the city in 1967, the Municipal Library director, Mrs. Rachel Cohen, studied the possibility of establishing branches in the Eastern parts of the city. She found that a library had been set up shortly before the war in the Jerusalem Neema building. It was a reading library, not a lending library, and contained only about 4,000 volumes. The facility was incorporated into the Municipal system and its director, Ghaleb Abul-Haj, stayed on to run it.

Mr. Abul-Haj reports that the library has in the past five years come to play a major role in the educational life of East Jerusalem. It is now a lending library, with 27,000 books, two-thirds of them in Arabic and the rest in English. Books and magazines published in Arab countries are acquired regularly, either from East Jerusalem bookstores, which import them across the Jordan River bridges, or from mail order from Paris.

The branch's 3,500 members include a broad cross-section of the city — in Beit Hanina and in the Old Quarter of the Old City. The latter is housed in the Omariyya school on the Via Dolorosa and merchants along the street can sometimes be seen sitting in front of their shops reading books taken from the library.

There is also a bookmobile, conducted through the Jerusalem undation, which visits the outlying Arab communities. Here, children who have never seen a library before, queue up eagerly for the van's weekly visit.

Similar vans operate in West Jerusalem. In addition to visiting neighborhoods without local libraries, the vans also call on factories during lunch breaks to permit the employees to take out books.

Since the war, three new branches have been opened in West Jerusalem, including the Meyerhof Library, in Estamoun, where the up-to-date chairs and modern furniture have, despite predictions, remained undamaged. A large library is being built at Ammunition Hill to serve the Ramat Hahkol and French Hill areas when it is opened next summer.

Mayor Teddy Kolek has said the main problem is money for book acquisition, the I.L.L.M. being expanded annually meeting less than half the demand.

The Municipal Library system now numbers 57,000 members and contains 260,000 books.

"People thought television would kill reading habits," says Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, who holds the culture portfolio on the Municipal Council. "But since TV was introduced here the library's membership has gone up 10 per cent each year."

## Batsheva premiere sold out in N.Y.

By SAM LEPSKI  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel's Batsheva dance company begins its second tour of the United States in October with a series of performances which will take it to Washington, Detroit, Philadelphia, New York and other major Eastern centers.

Announcing the company's travel plans in New York this week, public relations manager Joseph Frenkel said the New York premiere on December 5 was already sold out. During its first tour in 1970 the company had been well received by New York audiences and critics.

Batsheva's repertoire includes works by Martha Graham, Jerome Robbins, Norman Morris, John Cranchino, John Butler, Glen Tetley and other leading American choreographers as well as original Israeli creations by Miral Sharon and Rina Schenfeld.

While in New York Mr. Frenkel said he had tried without success to present a protest to the Ukrainian ballet company over the treatment of Valerie Panoov, the leading Jewish dancer who was dismissed from his position with the Kiev ballet after he had applied for an exit visa to Israel. The Ukrainians, who have been performing in New York, refused to accept the protest, Mr. Frenkel said.

## HOW CHAIRMAN MAO LIFTED SHANGHAI

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH  
SINGAPORE (Otns). — NO-Soviet bickering may soon include argument on why cities sink. Two Russian experts have cited the common explanation: land subsides because the cities of coastal towns incontinently pump out the water on which they stand. The real reason why Venice slowly vanishes, they say, is that the bedrock itself is on the way out to the Maolists can oppose experience of 10 million people of Shanghai. Shanghai is still 12 feet above water, but between 1921 and 1965 it went down seven and a half feet, and if continued at that rate, would be submerged. However, claim Communists in the six years between 1966 and 1971 it rose three feet of an inch instead (thanks to the Party Central Committee Chairman Mao as leader).

of choking." Surface water should be pumped back into the wells during the winter, when the factories did not need to draw the cold underground water out for cooling purposes.

This solution was tried and led to the discovery that when all factories started recharging the wells simultaneously, the city rose perceptibly more than when the operation was staggered. Conversely, when all factories stopped recharging at the same time, the subsidence was greater.

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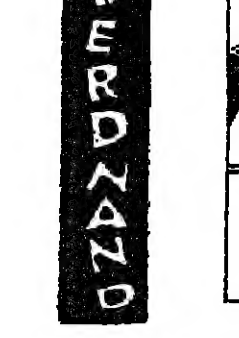
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A FAR EASTERN PEACE

WHEN Malaysia and Indonesia signed a peace pact in 1966, no more than peace was expected. But ties of history, race and culture that bound the two peoples have created interdependence.

During the three years of Sukarno's "confrontation" to crush Malaysia, the two countries were fighting each other. Today they are on the same side, both fighting a common enemy — the Communists straddling the Malaysian-Indonesian border.

The earlier military confrontation cost Malaysia \$30m. a year — 25 per cent of the budget. It absorbed 70 per cent of the Indonesian budget, according to Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik.

Besides cooperating in many ventures launched by the Association of South-East Asian Nations, to which Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and Singapore belong, the two countries have entered into several bilateral agreements.

There is no official estimate of the number of terrorists in Indonesian Kalimantan. In Sarawak there are about 700. To combat possible infiltration by sea, joint patrols are conducted by ships of both governments. They also carry out anti-smuggling and anti-piracy operations in the waters off West Kalimantan.

As a gesture for training

Malaysia soldiers in Jakarta, Malaysia presented Indonesia with valuable aircraft. No official agreement exists between the two governments regarding common border security; what does exist are practical arrangements concluded between the two regional commanding officers. They met in Pontianak, on the Indonesian side of the border, and in Kuching, on the Malaysian side. The spirit of this agreement is nothing but a bilateral understanding to face and fight the common enemy.

Like most developing nations, Malaysia is short of teachers, university lecturers and doctors. Indonesia has opened its teacher training centres to Malaysians and has sent doctors across on secondment.

At least 12 Indonesian doctors are manning hospitals in the rural areas where, because of the language problem, it is difficult to station other foreigners. Malaysia already employs 181 Indonesian teachers and is to recruit 147 more.

Economic cooperation between the two countries shows an upward trend. Joint ventures operating in Indonesia are worth about U.S. \$20m. Much of the investment is in logging, covering large sections of forest land in Kalimantan. Other interests cover a wide range of manufacturing industries like refrigerators, air-conditioners and other electrical appliances. It is a remarkable development, and one worth noting in our part of the world.

Bid to shut out news in Ceylon

By LUCIEN RAJAKARUNA COLOMBO (OFAS).

FOR years newspapermen and artists in Ceylon have sought the establishment of a Press Council to help maintain high standards of journalism and to safeguard the rights of journalists. They failed partly because of the hostility of the island's newspaper groups, their rivalry and their heavy involvement with right-wing political parties. Now Ceylon is promised a Press Council, but its provisions have stunned the campaigners.



Mrs. Bandaranaike — eager for control. (Mail/Tele-Camera Press)

The draft Bill says its purpose is to "keep under review developments likely to restrict the supply of information of public interest and importance." Yet one of the clauses will ensure that the people will hear nothing about any government activity that Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranaike thinks it wise to keep secret. Nothing may be reported of any matter that is before the Cabinet, nor may the proceedings of the Cabinet be made public. Any editor who dares defy this ban faces a fine of \$300 and imprisonment up to two years.

The island's three groups of privately-owned newspapers have all condemned the new Bill and published protests from trade unions, civil rights organizations, student bodies and Buddhist clergy who minister to the spiritual welfare of most of Ceylon's 13 million people.

It is proposed that the Press Council be headed by the government's own Director of Information, and of the four members appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister only one will nominally represent the interests of working journalists. The Council will devise a code of ethics, investigate complaints against newspapers or journalists, and may compel a journalist to reveal sources of his information. The Council also has power to acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of the property of a newspaper, and no finding by the Council can be challenged in a court of law. Newspaper workers are among the worst paid and most poorly organized section of the island republic's workers. Subservience of the Council to government policy is assured by the members being paid from government funds and their being eligible for reappointment after three years, but only, presumably, if their past performance does not displease the Prime Minister.

It seems as if Mrs. Bandaranaike, after having the press under censorship for several months after last

year's youth revolt, is eager to keep control of information. With the United Front's huge majority in Parliament, and its bad record over public protest on earlier laws, there is little hope that it will change its plans for a Press Council. Furthermore, harsh economic measures are expected in Ceylon, and the Government will not be anxious to widen public knowledge and scope for dissent.

There is, however, one gleam of hope for liberals. The island republic's democracy, inherited from the British colonial masters, have been the press and the independent judiciary. It may be that the second can come to the aid of the first, for the Civil Rights Movement has decided to challenge the Bill before the Constitutional Court.

Such a move would be the first application made to the Court, which was set up under the new Republican Constitution to adjudicate on controversial legislation. And the Constitution states that "every citizen shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression, including publication."

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25th ANNIVERSARY

Readers' letters

ZIONIST AIMS

Training at home and abroad

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — I am full of indignation at the announcement of a military parade approved by the Cabinet for Israel's 25th Anniversary. If a public poll were taken, there is no doubt whatever, considering the ILL-fm. cost involved, which could better be used for housing for the homeless, that Israelis would vote against this long-outdated custom of nations to display their military might. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Welfare Minister Michael Hazani exercised excellent judgment in voting against the parade, while the one minister who suggested a military parade every 25 years must have had a flight of fancy lacking all logic. In this fast changing

Army parade not wanted

world, who would dare prognosticate 25 years ahead! From the ideological point of view Israel is wrong in planning a military spectacle as a celebration when every nerve is being strained towards creating confidence and existence, not only with its neighbours, but all nations. The world has a surfeit of violence and destruction, including whatever reminds one of war, and if this military parade was approved because of the 25th Anniversary would "look flat" without it. I must say in all candour there is a monumental lack of brainpower where it is needed most.

MRS. MARK GERALD Haifa, August 28.

Fine concert spoiled by TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — Last night I attended the final concert by the Israel Broadcasting Orchestra at Binyamin Ha-Cooma. I was shocked to see that the front of the hall and the stage were decorated with large television projectors, that very glaring headlights were on throughout the performance and two TV sets placed in front of the audience, probably to impress on them that they might just as well stay home and watch TV.

Very often during the concert, especially during the piano performance, the projectors completely covered the orchestra. I was surprised to go to a concert and pay for a ticket, they want quiet in order to see the orchestra, the conductor and the artists in person. The commercial aspect of this concert greatly impaired my pleasure of an otherwise fine performance.

CHARLOTTE M. KULLP Jerusalem (New York), August 3.

Weizmann and Palestine

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — I regret to have caused something of a flurry in the columns of The Jerusalem Post by my article of July 13 on the Z.O.A. In it I referred briefly to the interview Weizmann gave to the J.T.A. in 1931, saying he had no understanding or sympathy with the demand for a Jewish majority in Palestine. Mr. Julian Meltzer in two letters to the Editor charges me first with repeating a "canard" and then with "distorting" the facts.

I have not been in the habit of doing either and am astonished and pained that one connected with so important an institution as the Weizmann Archives should have permitted himself to "shoot from the hip" such unfounded charges. Before doing so he might have taken the trouble to consult the official record of the Zionist Congress of 1931 where he would have found the entire episode reported corroborating my version.

Quite apart from the official record, published in London and readily available in Israel, there is the simple fact, so well known to many living Zionists who attended that Congress, that Weizmann was forced to withdraw as President of the W.Z.O. as the direct result of a resolution adopted by the Congress disavowing the views expressed in the interview and rejecting his explanation as "unsatisfactory." That resolution was submitted by Nahum Goldmann on behalf of the Political Commission — and again, I wonder whether Mr. Meltzer might take the trouble to check the facts with Dr. Goldmann. Mr. Meltzer in his two letters does not even mention Weizmann's withdrawal from the Presidency, the serious and unhappy consequence of an unfortunate interview.

I may add that in his explanation Weizmann went so far as to say that a Jewish majority was not essential to the fruition of Zionist aims. Strange as this may sound today, it was not surprising at the time, coming from a leader who had come to accept much of the philosophy of "Kleinstaatismus." The references to Blalik and Jacob Landau's politics do not concern me in this context since they "have nothing to do with the case." May I suggest, in conclusion, that Mr. Meltzer ought to offer an apology for his well-intentioned errors. For Weizmann's name and reputation do not justify any attempted revision of historical truth. Dr. EMMANUEL NEUMANN Jerusalem, August 29.

Squatting on Mt. Zion

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — Confiscation of property by squatters is not new in the history of this land or in any other area of the world. There are numerous examples among Jews, Moslems and Christians of one group of people simply moving in and taking over property belonging to others. It is to Israel's credit that this type of action has decreased under the Israeli Government.

On Mount Zion in Jerusalem, this process of squatting is going on right now. Behind the Anglican cemetery, the Research Centre of Kabbalah has occupied a building and property which are owned by an order of Catholic sisters. Because this order of Catholic sisters at present has no representatives in Israel, their authority for control and use of the property has been entrusted to the Franciscans.

Various Orthodox yeshiva groups have attempted to take over this property for their own purposes during the last several years without Franciscan permission. The Israeli courts have upheld the Franciscan rights to the property, but the Orthodox groups interested in the property have not respected the court order. The present yeshiva which has taken over the property is in the process of reconstructing the building and moving earth on the property. It is surprising that the Mount Zion Committee condones this. Hopefully, the Municipality and the Ministry of Religious Affairs will look into this situation, for this type of reputation will do harm to Israel's image at home and abroad.

As a visitor to the State of Israel and a Research Fellow in the country, I have been observing this seizure of property over the past several months. It bothers me that this type of injustice is overlooked by some authorities. GEORGE GIAOUNARIS, Jr. Jerusalem, July 30. The Research Centre of Kabbalah replies: We wish to inform you that we do occupy the campus grounds mentioned in Mr. Giaounaris' letter. Since this matter is currently being handled by the courts, we feel at this time that it would be most proper to permit the judicial system of this country, Israel, to judge the matter and thus we must refrain from making any comments or statements. Dr. PHILIP S. GRUBERGER, Dean

ISRAEL PRESS

PEACE MOVES AFOOT

Ha'aretz (non-party) says that something is on the move between the Arab states and Israel, suggesting that this may be the beginning of a thaw of the standstill on the Arab side. While in favour of promoting such a process, the paper says that any initiative by members of the European Common Market to mediate in the conflict would have the opposite effect, and advises them to desist from any attempt at mediation.

Al Hanihshar (Mapam) writes: "Irrespective of whether we do or do not have here a peace initiative, it appears that someone is putting out feelers and this has a double importance. Such signals could bring peace closer, as well as give the lie to the allegation that Israel is sitting pat and waiting for a phone call from Cairo."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) wonders what the logic might be behind the report concerning an Israeli peace plan, and queries the point of breaking the deadlock when — as the paper puts it — the Egyptian leaders themselves are still groping in the dark. The paper goes on to say that the plan itself does not appear new, adding that although there appear to be no blemishes in it as far as Israel is concerned, it lacks Egypt's readiness to accept it.

Al-Nuds (Independent Arab daily) expects the U.S. to make a move to counter that of Western Europe, which the paper says seems to have passed a considerable distance towards formulating a Middle East settlement. The paper believes that the sides are likely to meet somewhere in the middle of the road and the possibility of partial solutions to the conflict might materialize before long.

FOREIGN PRESS

The New York Times writes: The most remarkable and over the long run positive political development in Israel in recent months has been the growing recognition that the Palestinian Arabs were wronged in the creation of the Zionist state. In the past Israeli establishment figures would denounce this view, when expressed by disaffected intellectuals, as a guilt obsession. Now it is possible for a political leader to state publicly that Israel's duty and best interests lie in moving to redress the grievances of the displaced Palestinians... Arieh Eliav, until last year Secretary-General of the Labour Party, is stopping the country preaching this point. Others in power agree with him privately but have not yet mustered the courage to speak out, partly because Mrs. Meir does not share this view.

Mr. Eliav and others like him have ideas on how Israel can assist in the process of giving the dignity of nationhood to the Palestinians by establishing them in a homeland of their own alongside Israel. Symbolically, if not politically, resettlement of Ikrit and Bir'im would be a step in that direction. King Hussein of Jordan, the Arab leader most directly engaged in the Palestinians' fate, seems increasingly inclined to consider a separate agreement with Israel — something no Arab leader has felt confident enough to do. It would be a tragedy if Israel's top leaders let outmoded perceptions of the Palestinian people blind them to the psychological and political opportunities that may now be opening up.

Parking at hotels

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — On Sunday night, July 23, I stayed at Hotel Dan Carmel in Haifa. I parked my car in the garage beneath the hotel, as suggested by the attendants. The following morning, after checking out, I went down to the garage to get the car. To my surprise I was presented an IL5 bill for overnight parking. I protested that I had stayed at the hotel, for my experience has been that hotel garage parking is free for guests of the hotel. Getting no satisfaction, I went up to the hotel lobby to complain and to get the hotel to pay for the garage. I explained that: 1. I was told to use the garage. 2. There is nothing saying the garage is not free for guests. 3. Hotel garages are usually free for guests of the hotel. I told them that if I had known the garage was going to cost money, I would have gladly parked in the street, where I believe it is free. They said that there is a sign saying that I have to pay and the hotel does not own the garage and, therefore, there was nothing they could do. I went down to the garage and noted that the sign they refer to is not all that visible and it merely gives parking rates; it does not say hotel guests must pay — I know of hotel garages that permit non-hotel guests to park provided that they pay.

DANIEL M. BERRY Jerusalem (Los Angeles), August 4. The Ministry of Tourism replies: The Head of our Department of Hotels and Restaurants informs that it is customary to collect parking fees at hotel garages in many countries, especially in hotels located in the centre of large cities. This is also the custom at many large hotels in Israel, which lease their parking concession.

None the less, the Head of the Department is sending instructions to the hotels concerned to put up signs indicating that parking is not free. RIVKA SHREIBAUM Assistant Spokesman Jerusalem, August 23.

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